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SUBJECT: CEAUSESCU ASSUMES CC IDEOLOGICAL MANTLE

REF: BUCHAREST 4116

1. IN MOST SIGNIFICANT FALLOUT YET FROM JUNE CULTURAL CONGRESS, CEAUSESCU, CONTINUING HIS PRESENT ROUND OF PERSONNEL AND ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES, HAS ASSUMED DIRECT LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITY FOR CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S (CC) IDEOLOGICAL COMMISSION. POLEXCO COMMUNIQUE (SCINTEIA, JULY 15) ATTRIBUTES CHANGE TO "PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE" OF PARTY ACTIVITY IN IDEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL-EDUCATION FIELDS, AS WELL AS "NECESSITY FOR UNITARY LEADERSHIP AND COORDINATION" OF THESE ACTIVITIES. BURTICA WILL PRE-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUMABLY RETAIN HIS POST AS CC SECRETARY FOR IDEOLOGICAL

AFFAIRS, BUT HIS ROLE HAS BEEN DOWN-GRADED BY CHANGE.

2. COMMENT: CRITICISM OF IDEOLOGICAL SECTOR "UP TO THE RCP CC" AT JUNE CULTURAL CONGRESS WAS FIRST SIGN OF POSSIBLE BURTICA SLIPPAGE. CURRENT MINI-ACCOMMODATION WITH SOVIETS, WORKED OUT DURING KATUSHEV'S MAY 28-30 VISIT HERE MAY ALSO HAVE LED TO SOME DETERIORATION IN BURTICA'S POSITION AS ADVOCATE OF TOUGH-NATIONALISTIC POSTURE. EXTENT OF BURTICA'S EXLIPSE SHOULD BECOME CLEARER ONCE HE RETURNS TO FULL ACTIVITY, FOLLOWING RECUPERATION FROM JUNE 26 APPENDICITIS OPERATION.

3. IN ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL SHIFT, AGERPRES HAS NOTIFIED SUBSCRIBERS TO ITS "LIST OF ROMANIAN OFFICIALS" THAT ION IONITA HAS REPLACED PAUL NICULESCU-MIZIL AS CHAIRMAN OF THE HIGHER HEALTH COUNCIL. CHANGE CONFIRMS IONITA'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR HEALTH AT DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER LEVEL, AS REPORTED IN BUCHAREST 4116.  
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